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#### President's Message – March 2021

Dear Members of VE,

I can only imagine how much all of us are anticipating the end of winter and the return to normalcy amid the covid pandemic. Those of you that have enjoyed the great take out dinners prepared by Chef Ed, have experienced his menu — the soup, main course and dessert! I find a challenge after my Friday evening pick up, driving back with the incredible aroma that fills my car. If you still have not made the Friday take out a part of your early weekend routine, I recommend that you experience these dinners.

With the mention of take out dinners, our Board of Directors, Verna and volunteer staff have been busy at the club making necessary business operation improvements. First the development of our mass email notifications. It has been a long time coming, and we now have the ability to email updates and news to our members and friends in a single email. Secondly, we are developing and preparing to expand our website. This includes online ordering by credit card and having this information process directly into our POS system. This week was our initial trial opening of online ordering. We still will take dinner order by telephone as well. This small milestone is merely a starting point of expansion to online purchases. We will have our membership applications online and online payment for the new fiscal year membership renewal. We will also maintain the notices by mail as well.

This Spring will include the return of our Biergarten events. We are booking live music performers beginning in late Spring for every Saturday. We also are planning a "Concert Series" of top notch bands. Jeffrey Gaines Band, and The Samples! These bands have a tremendous following nationally, as well as in the Philadelphia region. These events will require pre-purchased online ticketing. The dates will be confirmed soon, one Concert in June and the other in August at our Biergarten!

We have started Friday Night "Eat-In" dinners. For those interested members and friends, you can order your dinners and eat in our dining rooms with bar service. If you decide to meet your friends for dinner, you can enjoy the ambiance of the club again. Certainly, our seating is spaced and masks are required when you are not seated at your table.

I mentioned last month the generous gift VE received from the Bayern VV members. We also received another generous gift from Carol, Irene and Vi Taubenberger for the purchase of the new dishwasher! The Board of Directors performed a due diligence review to assure that we have the best price, but also a dishwasher with the optimum lifecycle, capability for large events, performance to minimize our costs for cleaning chemicals, and heating water to meet Board of Health standards. The purchase will be released this week. Thank you ladies for your generosity!

The Pool Committee will meet this week to prepare for the pool staffing and preparations for opening. If you can provide assistance in the administration, on site management, or oversight of the pool equipment and physical plant, please call the office. The pool is a vital operation of VE and Camp RAD. This revenue stream is very important and keeps VE operating through the Summer—paying our utilities and taxes.

Spring is around the corner and the Maintenance and Grounds Oversight Committee, organized by Scott Logan, Jim McCullough and Steve Carey, have a project list prepared. If you can spend a few hours on small projects, both outdoors and in the clubhouse, simply call the office and these men will follow up with you. Spring cleanup is also a good family experience. Clean up dates will be posted in the weeks ahead. I need to add that snow clearing around the clubhouse and entry walks is a member effort. The driveway and parking lot is performed by a member. If you can help clearing around the clubhouse, please call the office!

VE Sports seasons resume the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of March! Our VE Majors are competing in Cup tournament competition already. Since the VE fields are snow covered, our home games will need to be played at local neutral sites with turf fields. If you have checked our website or Facebook, we have a photo of our youth teams shoveling snow from our VE Turf field. I understand this photo was later responded with another "snow" photo of the Erzgebirge AUE professional team in Germany. Even in the middle of these winter storms, VE is being noticed as far away as our homeland! Our Sports program is very well managed and has great expectations ahead in 2021, as the pandemic restrictions lessen.

Please keep checking your email and our website for updates. Stay safe and healthy!

#### Gruss Gott! Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



# Spring is Nature's Way of Saying . . .



#### **VE LADIES AUXILIARY**

From all of us, it's looking brighter that in the future we may be able to plan our monthly activities, Card & Bingo, etc. We will keep you posted! Vi

#### **ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

As the warmer weather approaches, we are looking forward to reopening our Biergarten for Live Music, food and beverages sometime in April. Please check the website and April Calendar for updates.

#### SPORTS KORNER – "KICKS IN THE GRASS"

Our teams are anxious to get back in action once the weather improves. Most teams have been training on our turf field and many have volunteered to shovel the recent snow to get some training sessions in.

Cup brackets are out and we are waiting for the schedules to be released soon, as well as spring league schedules.

Please check our website and Facebook page for more detailed information.

Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

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**POOL NEWS** With winter on its way out, it's time to start thinking about summer at the pool! We have tentatively scheduled cleanup/work days in April on the following Saturdays: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Hopefully the snow will have made its exit by then! Please check the

#### April calendar for our updated work days and 2021 pool information. **!!!! 2021 Lifeguards and Managers needed !!!!**

Anyone that is interested should contact the Club office by email: veclub@verizon.net or call 215-675-5380 between 10:00am and 3:30pm. Please leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted for an interview. Lifeguards must have current Certificates **before the start of the season**.

Managers must be at least 21 years old, able to efficiently direct pool staff for proper completion of daily tasks and professionally interact with our pool patrons. Thank you! The VE Pool Committee

## Friday Takeout Menu for March 2021

\$15.00 per meal – Pick up times: between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

All orders must be placed in advance and pre-paid with a credit card. Please call 215-675-5380 to place your order Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 10am and 4pm

or order on our website Monday-Wednesday.

#### <u>March 5<sup>th</sup></u>

Vegetable Soup, Pork Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Sauerkraut, German Choc. Cake March 12<sup>th</sup>

Ham & Bean Soup, Chicken Pot Pie, Apple Strudel

#### March 19<sup>th</sup>

Spinach & Chicken Soup, Sausage & Ground Beef Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Chip Cannoli

#### March 26<sup>th</sup>

Tomato Bisque, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Potatoes, Sautéed Mushrooms, Créme Brulée



## "Let's Party!"

#### To everyone celebrating their special day in March "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS!

ACTIVE

Kellianne Batula Monika Bernhardt Christopher Branchide Rosmarie Buzby Lisa Caya Michael Christian David Clapper Jules Fischer Jutta Fissel Elizabeth Foerster Diane Fox Frederick Franke David L. George Dieter H. Gohl Fawn Gottbrecht Harriet Hahn

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#### PASSIVE

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## For Booking of Parties or Affairs call the Club – Phone: 215-675-5380

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#### VE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have any questions regarding VE membership, please use our new email address BELOW specifically dedicated to membership correspondence. Thank you!! VEclubmembership@aol.com

### Weeks are filling up fast! Private tours are available.

Think CAMP RAD.

Camp RAD will run from June 21st to August 20th. (Ages 4 to

12) Camp hours are 9am to 3:30pm. (Early/Late Care is available 7:30am to 6:00pm)

Our 9-week summer day camp is full of activities including swimming, basketball, volleyball, hockey, gaga, soccer, karate, capture the flag, dodge ball, t-ball, storytelling, music, arts and crafts. We will be offering weekly entertainment and

Contact Kelly Degorski today at 215-572-0469 or email her at info@CampRAD.net. Visit www.CampRAD.net for more information and to register today.



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathies to the families of the

Glenn Hofmann, who passed away on March 24, 2020, joined VE in 1980, a 30 year member Hubert John, who passed away on December 1, 2020, joined VE in 1977, a 44 year member Ruth Mende, who passed away on January 9, 2021, joined VE in 1949, a 72 year member Harry Mende, who passed away on February 20, 2021, joined VE in 1949, a 72 year member

#### **Ruhe in Frieden**

SVK SICK LIST – JANUARY 2021

We offer get well wishes to: Karl Walter

#### **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

With Spring approaching, we will be looking for members willing to donate a little time to make minor repairs both inside and out. Emails will be sent as dates are set for the upcoming projects. If you are able to help out, please call 215-675-5380 and leave your name and contact information.